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## EDITORIAL

Summer is here! It's a good time to live in our beautiful village and to experience the vibrant community with many activities and events on offer, including the recent Flower Festival (report in next issue) and the forthcoming Gardens Tour (2<sup>nd</sup> June) and School Summer Fair (8<sup>th</sup> June), for example. Why not see how many events and activities you can count in this issue of our much-loved Parish Magazine!

Looking ahead, one personal event is that the Bishop of Croydon has granted me a three-month sabbatical from September to November inclusive. Contrary to popular humour concerning the one-day week (Sunday!), most full-time clergy work a six-day week including most weekends and some Public Holidays. A sabbatical is therefore a welcome gift from the Church to counter the long-term effects of the demands of the role and full-time clergy in the Church of England are entitled to one every seven years, although this will be the first I have taken since my ordination 22 years ago. Sabbatical is additional to annual holiday leave, although it can include an element of holiday. Every sabbatical will be different but the content should also include time for interests and hobbies; time with family and friends outside the Parish; and an element of study or course attendance or pilgrimage that might yield some benefit to the local or wider ministry upon return to work.

How might it affect the Parish, this autumn? In the coming months I will be working hard to find clergy colleagues and others to take the Sunday services and diary commitments for the period when I'm "out of the office". The Church Office should still function on a Thursday morning each week and phone calls and emails at other times will result in an answerphone or return message to enable connection with the Churchwardens, who in turn can draw upon the other clergy in our Limpsfield and Tatsfield Team and beyond, as required.

In recent years, I have become increasingly aware of the need for a good balance between work, rest and play in our lives but as others who work from home will know, the work can sometimes start to take over – it is therefore a good discipline to set aside shorter and longer periods for rest and refreshment. I hope that you will enjoy the additional opportunities for rest and play that are afforded by the lighter evenings and warmer days of the summer months.

God bless, **Vince Short**

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## LETTERS

### Dear Editor

We thought that readers of the Parish Magazine might be interested in this unusual tree.

Paulownia trees are known as the Foxglove Tree, because of the shape of individual flowers and the way the flowers are arranged in the inflorescence. We have had this tree for about seven years now and although we have had some flowers in the past, this year it has really done us proud with a fantastic display of colour. Last year nearly all the flowers were affected by the Beast from the East in March just as the flowers were opening, which badly affected them.

As well as interesting flowers it produces large attractive heart shaped leaves up to 12 by 15 inches in size, which are produced after flowering. The botanical name of our variety is Paulownia Fortunei 'Fast Blue (Minfast)'. There are other forms available but many of them take 10-15 years before flowering.



Unfortunately by the time you read this the flowers will, most likely, be past their best, but if you keep your eyes open you may be able to see them next year during late April into May in our back garden where it can be seen from Paynesfield Road footpath in front of our house and also from the unmade section of Westmore Road.

**Louis and Sandy Philibert (43 Paynesfield Road)**

### Dear Editor

If you attended the consultation meetings in May about Tatsfield's Neighbourhood Plan you could be forgiven for thinking that something radical had happened to our precious Green Belt. There was a plan on the wall showing sites that had been offered for development all over Tatsfield's Green Belt.

In 2011 The Tandridge District Council (TDC) carried out a Green Belt Settlement Review and proposed that the centre of Tatsfield remained a "settlement within the Green Belt". There was an option for the whole of Tatsfield to become Green Belt but the Tatsfield Parish Council supported the TDC in their proposal. Tatsfield centre became a "Defined Village" The boundaries of the "Defined Village" remained the same as they had been in the past.

Outside the boundary the rest of the Village remained Green Belt.

Central Government's National Planning Policy Framework required Tandridge District Council to prepare a Local Plan showing how it would develop to meet housing and other demands up to the year 2033. This Local Plan was sent to the Planning Inspectorate for examination on 18 January 2019.



As part of the Local Plan the TDC undertook a more detailed “Green Belt Assessment” of the whole District.

Green Belt Assessment (Part 1) was completed in December 2015. A detailed review of the value of the Green Belt around the Defined Village of Tatsfield can be found in Appendix D – Parcel 009 of this report starting at page 306.

Green Belt Assessment (Part 2) – Areas for Further Investigation. This was completed in October 2016. Tatsfield was one of the areas chosen. It is known as GBA 010 and the results are presented in Appendix 2 of the report starting at page 42.

Green Belt Assessment (Part 3) – Exceptional Circumstances and Insetting. This was completed in June 2018. Tatsfield was once again considered. “Insetting” is a difficult concept. In Tatsfield’s case it really meant should all or part of Tatsfield’s Green Belt become part of the Defined Village where limited development is permitted. The conclusion was that Tatsfield should not be “inset” and outside the Defined Village boundary Green Belt policies should apply.

So, after four years of detailed examination there has been no change to the Green Belt that surrounds the Defined Village of Tatsfield. We are now called a “Tier 3, Rural Settlement” which I rather like.

**Roger Pearce (Resident of Tatsfield for 50 years)**



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Below is a summary of the financial position of the magazine for the year to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019. As you know the magazine is distributed to all houses in the village free of charge. This is only possible by charging for advertising, sales (to those outside the village), donations from village organisations and individual donations. Our costs are mainly the printing of the magazine but also include some preparation costs, postage and stationery and sundry expenses. A summary of these figures on the basis of the actual amounts paid and received in the year is as follows.

<b>Income 2019</b>	<b>£</b>
Advertising	7230
Sales (including postage from subscribers)	436
Donations from village organisations	1510
Donations from individuals	660
Bank interest	30
Total	<u>9866</u>
 <b>Expenditure 2019</b>	 <b>£</b>
Printing	8454
Preparation costs	50
Postage and stationery	125
Sundry expenses	137
Total	<u>8766</u>
<b>Surplus in year</b>	<b><u>1100</u></b>

Many thanks to all who advertise, give donations and give of their time thus enabling the production of a great magazine. **Madie Langford, Treasurer**

**Please note, if you ever require an additional copy of the Parish Magazine, extra copies are available at Sheree's Tearoom and can be purchased for £1.**



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## **TATSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL**

The first meeting since the May elections was on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May. Thank you to all who took time out to vote. All newly elected members were present, and the election of Chairperson and Vice Chair took place. The Parish Council is now Kim Jennings (Chairperson), David Pinchin (Vice Chair), Alex Davies, Ashley Clifton, Stephen Mittins, Ian Hayman and Jason Syrett.

If you want to raise something with the Parish Council, each of us is available to listen to see what we can do to help. You can contact any of us by using our full names as above and adding @tatsfieldparishcouncil.org.uk.

We will continue to make as many of us as possible available in The Bakery on Saturday mornings between 11am and Noon to help with any points you wish to raise, or please feel free to come along and just say hello.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the outgoing Parish Council for all their hard work during their time as Parish Councillors. A lot was achieved by them during this time and we have big shoes to fill. I need to make a special mention to one person in particular, Ian Mitchell, who has been a Parish Councillor for the past 34 years; we are very grateful to Ian for his contribution over this time he will be greatly missed and we all wish him all the best for the future.

### **Planning**

This month we had two planning applications to consider. Rosemary Cottage, 37 Paynesfield Road - addition of second floor to existing bungalow and two storey side extension, and although we noted that we regret the loss of a Bungalow we had no further comment. The second at 3 Valley Mushroom Farm, Ricketts Hill Road - single storey front and side extension for which we had no comment. Kim Jennings and David Pinchin are the planning team for this month.

### **Pond**

The planting of the pond has begun and is starting to settle; more will be planted in the coming weeks. I'm sure you agree this is a wonderful focal point of our village and we again thank Ian Hayman and his team at Tatsfield Aquatics for the continued support of this project.

### **Flytipping**

As many of you will know Ricketts Hill Road was the victim of flytipping on Good Friday with sacks of rubble plaster and other building materials deposited from Millennium wood to Eagles Drive. This was promptly reported, and I am happy to say Tandridge have now removed the waste. Thank you to all the residents who cleared debris from outside their own properties. We are always on the lookout for flytipping offenders; if you see this happening please report to Tandridge Council as soon as possible with photos if available. This can be done easily through the website. Also please remember hedge cuttings and grass and garden waste deposited or even swept/blown outside

your property is also flytipping - please make sure you dispose of your garden waste properly. We are lucky to have an excellent composting site open now on Saturday mornings, based at the Allotments.

Our next full Parish Council meeting will take place on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June at 8pm at the Aileen McHugo Building. All are very welcome.

**Kim Jennings, Chair**

**(Tel: 577328; Email: [kimjennings@tatsfieldparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:kimjennings@tatsfieldparishcouncil.org.uk))**



## **TATSFIELD NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE**

A very important part of preparing a Neighbourhood Plan is to have evidence that the Steering Group have consulted the community and asked for their opinion of how the Plan is progressing. There were two public consultation sessions in 2018 and the many comments and suggestions were carefully recorded.

This year we were very pleased to see that 72 people took the trouble to come to the Parish Room for two further Public Consultations and look at the latest editions of our topic papers, the results of the Housing Survey and the summary of the Call for Sites. The Housing and Settlement Areas were topics that produced the most feedback – here are some of the comments:

- *Housing in Lusted Hall Lane.*
- *I would like to see more detached bungalows.*
- *No further development in John's Road; only build within the village settlement-protect the green belt.*
- *As a longstanding villager I would prefer as little building to be done as possible and not on the green belt.*
- *Affordable housing has to be considered - green belt is green belt - no houses thank you*
- *Only build adjacent to settlement area - protect our green belt.*
- *There was a lot of support for local business - the need for light commercial sites and support for the Village Club becoming a Post Office.*
- *The need for improved infrastructure commensurate with any expansion and many comments about improved roads and signs and safety and the need to make the village centre work better.*
- *There were also comments to expand the footpath network.*
- *Natural and built environment comments included no more street lighting, let's preserve the dark.*
- *More trees - land needs cleaning up, establish wildflowers and unspoilt views should remain unchanged.*





### The Tatsfield “people and places” photo quiz – results

To encourage attendance at the public consultations there was a 20-question photo quiz of people and places around the village. The Steering Group offered a £50.00 prize for the winner from each session. The winner who attended the Tuesday session is **Julie Jewel**; the winners who attended the Saturday session are **Kay and Ian Longley**.

### What next?

All of the responses will be carefully collated and considered as we move towards the first draft of the Neighbourhood Plan expected to be ready for public consultation around the end of the year.

## POLICING

Good news. Things are going well in Tatsfield. Not perfect, but few complaints. I’m always keen to share that crime in the village is very low for a residential area. In the past month, only two crimes of note have happened. Still wish it was zero though!

During April, a retired resident on Crossways was almost the victim of an attempted scam. They had a call from someone alleging to be from HMRC, threatening the receiver with a warrant to court if an ‘owed’ amount was not paid. Thankfully, the resident was having none of it, as they knew they owed nothing, and ended the call. Big Well Done to them!! Surrey Police contacted Action Fraud, the national fraud agency, to report the incident. Please be aware that nobody (not the bank, not the police, nobody) would phone you for such a reason.

Only other crime happening recently, was in early May where Parkwood Golf Club had one of its greens damaged and a gazebo rammed by something unknown, happening during the night. There appeared to be no damage to entry points to the course, so it’s a mystery how the incident occurred. Sadly, there are no lines of enquiry to go on. Please could residents keep an eye on the points of entry on Chestnut Avenue and Rag Hill Road if travelling past, out of hours, please report any insecurities to police ASAP.

Lastly, just a reminder to residents that a crime or suspicious sighting should be reported **immediately** on 101/999 as a first action. On the odd occasion, I will receive an email or voicemail when off duty, to report an offence. It’s great to hear from residents, but not in this context. Please think about the best course of action for a prompt response.

Kids: please enjoy the warmer weather, but do think of us adults being busy and sweating!! That’s all folks...smell you around the village!

**Rupert, PCSO 12599 KELLEY, Surrey Police**

## TANDRIDGE DISTRICT COUNCIL



### No overall control after local elections

After the Tandridge District Council elections no party has control of the council for the first time since 2000.

Of the 42 seats, Conservatives have 16, Liberal Democrats 11, OLRG Independent Alliance 11, Independent Group 2 and there are 2 Independent councillors. The overall turnout of voters was 39.9%. The count started on Thursday 2 May and Returning Officer and Chief Executive, Louise Round, declared all the results by 1.35am on Friday 3 May.

The Conservatives held the following seats: Lesley Steeds (Con), Dormansland & Felcourt; Gill Black (Con), Bletchingley & Nutfield; Bob Milton (Con), Chaldon; Ken Harwood (Con), Felbridge.

The Liberal Democrats held the following seats: Dorinda Cooper (LD), Valley. And gained: Kerry Mansfield (LD), Portley; Celia Caulcott (LD), Warlingham, Chelsham & Farleigh.

The Oxted and Limpsfield Residents' Group Independents Alliance held: Liz Lockwood (IND), Lingfield & Crowhurst. And gained: Claire Blackwell (OLRG), Limpsfield; David Stamp (OLRG), Oxted North & Tandridge; Chris Langton (OLRG), Oxted South.

Godstone. The Independents Group held the following seat: Martin Allen (Ind Group), Tatsfield & Titsey.

For more information about your local councillor visit [tandridge.gov.uk/yourcouncil](http://tandridge.gov.uk/yourcouncil).

So, after a late night where myself and Bob David went down to the de Stafford School to see the count, I was re-elected by you as your District Councillor for the next four years. My thanks to those that voted and especially those that voted for me and I will continue to do my best for the parishioners from Tatsfield and Titsey. The voting was Martin Allen 316 votes, Conservative 132, UKIP 63, and Labour 34 in a 36.3% turnout. This figure is a little disappointing but fully understandable with what else has been going on recently. So, although nothing changes in Tatsfield there were major changes elsewhere leaving Tandridge District Council with no party in overall control. There are interesting times ahead for the District Council.

I have heard said that I "lost votes because of this, that, or the other" and if that was the case then I am sad to hear it, not from the lost votes point of view but from the fact that people have not come forward (except a few) to voice any objections. If I do not hear your objections or concerns I cannot do anything about them. So, I repeat what has been said at the bottom of my report since the beginning "If you think I can help you with anything, please do not hesitate to contact me". Let's start these four years afresh. Thank You.





The morning after meant collecting up the election boards that were put out to support my campaign. The attached picture reflects how I felt the next morning and whilst the boards can go away for another four years the role of representing the parish will start again for me.

Well actually it never did stop. In the months since I last wrote, I attended the Homelessness Strategy Consultation at TDC Oxted. I also attended the B.H.A.C.C where reports of overflying aircraft in

Tatsfield was raised, where pilots are being advised of the error of their ways.

I went to the CCC (now Tatsfield Local Committee) as the Locality Officer from TDC. Steve Dellaway will now become one of the attendees. There I raised all outstanding matters with SCC/TDC for them to take away and progress. I was pleased to see Cllr Becky Rush responding with some of the matters almost straight away. You will have seen that some of the holes in Ship Hill near the pond have been filled, albeit only short term, it is still better than it was.

I attended the Policing in your Community event in Oxted where PCC and the Neighbourhood Inspector gave us some insight in to what had been occurring and what the raised precept would get us in the future. At the event I invited the PCC David Munro to Tatsfield again which he has accepted and will be with us on 19<sup>th</sup> June. All welcome.

I met with KJ and viewed the “loss of the footpath” across his ground which they are in the process of reinstating once the leak had been repaired.

No committee meetings were held due to the elections from which I was duly returned as the District Council member for Tatsfield. Out of interest I went to see the opening of the postal votes which were thoroughly scrutinised for fairness and legality; every one of them was scanned in to a system where the signatures are matched again the householder’s original request.

Due to there being a No Overall Council for this fiscal year there has been much wrangling over the committee make up but I have been offered the Vice Chair of the O&S and my fellow Independent Jeremy Pursehouse the Chairmanship of the Council. JP will also go on the PP and Standards committee and I will also remain on Housing. All of this still to be confirmed at the first Council meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> May. In the meantime, if you think I can help you with anything to do with the Tandridge District Council or anything else please do not hesitate to contact me.

### **Next phase of development about to start at the former gasholder site in Oxted**

Since mid-May there has been an increase in activity at the former gasholder site in Oxted, with people working on site, an increase in deliveries and works to prepare the ground. Utilities such as gas, water and electricity will be installed and there has been

and will continue to be an increase in traffic in the area. To enable deliveries to be made safely to the site, there will be parking bay suspensions in place along Station Road East and Johnsdale Road. This will allow HGVs to enter and leave the site safely and will reduce the risk of damage to vehicles parked in those bays. There is no longer gas on the site as all essential gas equipment has been relocated, but occasionally people may notice some smells as the next phase of groundworks begins. St William Homes, the owner of the site, is working with a range of specialists at every stage of the development to ensure the safety of people living nearby and their workers.

**Cllr Martin Allen 01959 577201 [cllr.martin.allen@tandridge.gov.uk](mailto:cllr.martin.allen@tandridge.gov.uk) or [martin\\_allen@talk21.com](mailto:martin_allen@talk21.com)**

## **SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL**

**Changes to Warlingham Community Recycling Centre (CRC).** As of early May, changes to the waste services provided at Warlingham CRC have been implemented. In summary Warlingham CRC will now only accept recycling at the site. Additionally, charges are going to be introduced for construction wood in selected CRCs from June (such as sheds, fencing panels and posts, decking, fitted kitchen units and roofing felt). Ahead of this change Warlingham CRC will also no longer accept this type of wood. The nearest CRC which accepts all waste and all chargeable waste is Earlswood.

More details, including alternative ways to dispose of waste and recycling, can be found at [www.surreycc.gov.uk/recycling](http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/recycling)

I share everyone's disappointment in the reduction in the types of waste taken at Warlingham CRC and the opening hours. Having said that, I am fully supportive of a number of principles it aims to deliver; reduction in black bin bags and an increase in householder recycling is vital to reduce landfill and I think that no longer accepting black bin bags at the CRC will encourage residents to focus on recycling - approx. 60% of black bag waste could be recycled. This is also timely with the introduction of new wheelie bins by TDC.

**Purpose of change.** Overall the aim of these changes made in May are to make savings in order to ideally keep Warlingham CRC open for longer than the initial trial period to October 2019. I am on the Waste and Recycling Task Force and working together with officers and councillors to explore ways to reduce the cost of CRCs and enhance the waste and recycling experience in Surrey. You might not be aware but green waste is the second largest volume of waste at Warlingham CRC and expensive to dispose of. Reducing green waste volume can make a big contribution to saving money at the CRC. I am really impressed with Tatsfield's very successful community composting scheme and have met with Phil to investigate this as an option for other communities. You are very fortunate to have this facility on your doorstep. I hope we can find the savings needed to keep Warlingham CRC open at least until a new purpose-built facility can be built for the North of Tandridge.



**Bulky waste disposal options.** There are a number of local initiatives available to assist residents in one off disposal of large bulky items. TDC provides a bulky waste clearance weekend on a rotational basis across the district (you have one scheduled in Tatsfield on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September and Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December, 7.30-10.45 Village Hall car park). Residents can pay £32.11 for TDC to collect bulky waste from their property and there is also a list of registered companies who residents can engage to dispose of waste responsibly.

**Flytipping.** On this note the disposal of rubbish and waste is the responsibility of the householder - the majority of flytipping is building waste; however, it is the residents' responsibility to find a registered waste carrier to make sure the waste ends up at a tip not the road side. The environment agency provides a register where company names can be checked or residents can do a search for carriers in their area:

- search "access the public register for environment information"
- choose "waste carrier, dealer and broker licences"
- select "waste carriers register" where you can either enter the business name or click on "search upper tier" and enter your postcode to find registered carriers in the area.

Recently in Surrey a resident was fined in the region of £11,000 when flytipping was linked back to them so it is vital to stress the importance of residents taking ownership for their own waste.

I am also, like you, thoroughly disgusted by flytipping and despair of the destruction of our beautiful green lanes through this criminal activity. I don't, however, believe that reducing the range of waste accepted at Warlingham will necessarily cause a higher level of flytipping; I believe the majority of flytipping in our area comes from builders waste and out of county waste; the changes implemented in May are no different with respect to builders' waste. As an example, although Warlingham did accept mattress disposal until this week, there are always lots of mattresses on our lanes, and the data I have received indicates that no mattresses were disposed of in Warlingham in 2018. I will be asking TDC to monitor flytipping instances so we can see if there is a direct correlation following these changes.

While we all get used to these changes at Warlingham CRC what I will be doing, as well as continuing to work with officers and councillors to find an alternative CRC model as part of the Waste and Recycling Task Force, is help residents understand how to dispose of their bulky and difficult items, to support Tandridge and their excellent street team to do what we can to tackle flytipping and to continue to ensure Surrey County Council understand how much we value this service in the Warlingham division.

If you have any ideas you would like to share on this please do get in touch.

**Becky Rush, Surrey County Councillor – Warlingham Division**  
**[becky.rush@surreycc.gov.uk](mailto:becky.rush@surreycc.gov.uk)**

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PRESENT**

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## LITTLE ACORNS PRESCHOOL



### Term Topics

For the summer term we started with activities based around the much-loved stories by Walt Disney. These book and films are renowned for their engaging and inspiring content. These aim to teach children valuable life lessons; for example- to be proud of who you are, be



kind to your friends and to care for the living world around you. By using these lessons and values we talked with the children about why they are so important, allowing them to gain a greater understanding of their favourite Disney story and the characters within them. The lessons portrayed by Disney link in nicely with the outcomes in the Early Years Foundation Stage, which we constantly teach and plan activities for here at the preschool. Not only is this



theme beneficial for the children's learning on a social and emotional level but also proved tremendous fun for the children in others area too; such as enjoying the music, pictures and strengthening their listening and attention skills when reading these stories aloud. Some of the activities the children enjoyed involved making and decorating Beauty and the Beasts castle, magic writing with wax candles, story sequencing, music/dance and looking at different cultures e.g. American Indian.

Little Acorns enjoyed its trip to Godstone Farm in May.

**Mareka Newberry, Office Manager; [office@littleacornstatsfield.co.uk](mailto:office@littleacornstatsfield.co.uk)**

### **WANTED: NEW SECRETARY OF TATSFIELD VILLAGE HALL**

I wrote in last month's magazine (on page 22) that the Village Hall Management Committee is looking for a new Secretary to replace Carol Jordan, who has had to give up because of ill health. **We are still looking!** The job is voluntary and is vital for keeping the committee well organised and together. Duties include organising the monthly committee meetings, taking the minutes, following up action agreed, being the contact point for other bodies, writing letters on behalf of the committee and keeping necessary records as a charity. On average this takes about two hours a week. Might you be interested? If so, please contact me and we can discuss the position informally and without commitment. Please phone me on 07941 822580 or email me at [lloyd.gulley@talk21.com](mailto:lloyd.gulley@talk21.com).

**Lloyd Gulley, Chairman, Tatsfield Village Hall Management Committee**

## 1<sup>st</sup> TATSFIELD SCOUTS



We have had a great start to the Summer term. We welcomed five new children to the Beaver Colony, who have settled in really well. The first weekend was the St George's Day Parade. We had a number of Beavers attend along with



Cubs, Scouts and Explorers - not only from 1<sup>st</sup> Tatsfield but all from the district. It was a very different format this year with the walk up Oxted High Street to Oxted School, a renewal of our promise and then the children, along with parents enjoyed an hour of activities. Beavers and cubs did biscuit decorating, which proved to be very popular!

Rupert, our local police officer, visited Beavers and explained what his job involved as well as allowing the Beavers to see his police car. We then took our own finger prints to see how different everyone's was.



Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May, we took a trip to Biggin Hill Primary School to take part in Forest School. Beavers had the chance to toast marshmallows on an open fire and ate them with a biscuit and hot chocolate, make shelters, climb trees and have a go at whittling (using a small knife to shape wood). It was a great evening (the weather was on our side) and one that the Beavers would like to do again.

This year we are working with Tatsfield in Bloom. On Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May, the team will be helping the Beavers plant some flower seeds, which we hope will grow and they shall be sold on the Plant Stall at this year's Tatsfield Scout Fete – 7<sup>th</sup> July. We shall also be growing Sunflowers at the allotment. These will be entered into the Autumn Flower Show and finally we are helping to plant some of the baskets that will be judged on the 12<sup>th</sup> July. Fingers cross our Beavers have green fingers!!

If you would like to add your child's name to the waiting list for Beavers, please email me on: [marksnelling333@btinternet.com](mailto:marksnelling333@btinternet.com).

**Jenny Snelling, Beaver Scout Leader**



This term we started with the St George's Parade, which was well attended by the Cubs. Everyone enjoyed the new format this year – pancake making, mocktails, biscuit decorating and bouncy slide. I am sure next year we



shall see even more on offer. On Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May, Cubs had the task of creating a secondary shell for an egg, so that when dropped from a height the egg would not smash. It was a great evening with some very clever designs.

On 10-12<sup>th</sup> May the Cubs attended District Camp at



Downe Activity Centre. Although the weather was not too kind, Cubs had a great time doing all sorts of activities ranging from Grass Sledging to Crate Stacking. They have been doing backwood cooking, enjoying a night hike as well as camping outdoors.



**Leigh Keegan, Cub Scout Leader**

## Scouts EXPLORERS

The term started with a visit from the 'Chocolate Man'. Scouts and Explorers learnt about how they made their chocolate and had a go at creating it themselves (and sampling a few pieces!).

Wide Games took place on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May at Downe Activity Camp. A number of games including Capture the Flag and hike and seek with cereal!



If you would be interested in joining Explorers and are aged 14-18 years old please contact **Sarah-Jane Mumford, Explorer Scout Leader**.

## TATTY KNITTERS

What a lovely evening we had in May, lots of chat, craft and cake.

We are meeting twice in June, the first being Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June. This is the beginning of **World Wide Knit in Public** week. This event, started in America, has been running for many years and events take place all over the world now. It really is a chance for like-minded people to get together and knit. We will be outside The Bakery (just inside if wet) from 10.30am displaying our knitting and crocheting skills.

June 11<sup>th</sup> will be our usual evening from 7.30 until 9.30ish in The Bakery cakes provided buy your own drink. All crafts and beginners welcome.

**Val Quick 07761 571071**



# TATSFIELD SUMMER FAIR

**Saturday June 8th**

- \* Circus Skills Workshop
- \* Raffle
- \* Carnival Rides
- \* Tombolas
- \* Side shows
- \* Bar
- \* BBQ
- \* And More!



Tatsfield School  
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## Progress of the all new NOT SO YOUNG CLUB!



Since the plea for help was published on the Tatsfield Talk page to save the Not So Young Club from closing, a new Chairperson, Treasurer, Secretary and another committee member have formed a new committee, and one of the existing club organisers have also kindly agreed to stay on and help out.



We advertised for more help and we are very pleased to report that some more lovely Tatsfield ladies have volunteered to help on a casual basis with the members club afternoons.

Our finances have been helped by a very kind donation from a local charity. However, to raise important funds we

are holding a fundraiser in the Village Hall on the 18<sup>th</sup> June. Dick Griffin will be entertaining us with his fantastic presentation on his life as Bodyguard to HRH the Queen and other members of the Royal family.

We now eagerly await 11<sup>th</sup> June for the first all new Not So Young Club members afternoon which will be at the WI Hall on Paynesfield Road at 2pm until 4pm. All Tatsfielders, male and female over 55 years of age will be very welcome to join us. The members will enjoy a lovely afternoon tea, with an activity to do and we will hold the customary raffle. We are really looking forward to helping this lovely club and to continue in the footsteps of the past committee.



Email: [nevertoooldclub@gmail.com](mailto:nevertoooldclub@gmail.com)

### TATSFIELD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY HIRE OUR 8 X 3 METRE GAZEBO

Are you planning a family function in your garden this summer? Are you concerned that the weather might spoil your event?

We have an 8 x 3 metre white gazebo for hire that is easy to erect (needs a minimum of four pairs of hands); it has sides that zip together with windows, a string of lights and a rubber mat that covers the area.

You can hire this for just £20.00 per day as part of our fund raising for Society events.

Interested? Please contact Jon Allbutt on [jon@jonallbutt.co.uk](mailto:jon@jonallbutt.co.uk) or phone on 577100.





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## TATSFIELD ART GROUP

Come and join us in  
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**Monday 10 June: Paul Chambers Demo - Reflections in Watercolour** (Non-Members £10)

**Monday 24 June and Monday 1 July: Demo/ Workshop both dates; Tracey Bengueyfield - Watercolour/Wax Crayon** (Non-Members £15 per session)

(Ring Carol Gaskell 577724/Christine Stainer 577803 for further information)

Little Acorns  
Presents  
**RACE NIGHT**

Saturday 29th June  
Tatsfield Village Hall  
19:30

TICKETS £10 PER PERSON  
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for tickets or to sponsor us

## TATSFIELD MARTIAL ARTS - SURREY COUNTY TRIALS 2019

On Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April the annual British Judo Association Surrey County trials took place. The gold medallist in each weight group becomes the County Champion and goes on to form the Surrey team and represent Surrey in an event against teams from Hampshire, Sussex and Kent (the Inter Counties). The other medallists form the County Squad for the year.

We had 6 judoka enter this year's trials and I am pleased to say every one of them medalled, which just goes to show how strong the standard of judo is within TMA against bigger, less rural judo clubs.

Bella Mumford	Gold girls U36kg & Surrey County Champion
Lizzie Merredew	Gold girls U28kg & Surrey County Champion
Rex Elliot	Silver boys U66kg
Kyan Abrams	Silver boys U46kg
Aaron Mumford	Bronze boys U46kg
Seb Sanchez	Bronze boys U38kg



**Adam Plinston**





## TATSFIELD ART GROUP'S EXHIBITION

Explosions of colour, vibrant brush strokes, bold blocks of acrylic, computer manipulated imagery, striking Manga characters. All could be seen at the Village Hall over the May Day Bank Holiday weekend. The weekend

began with a preview for family and friends of TAG members on Saturday evening and the buzz and lively atmosphere continued when the doors opened again on Sunday.



A superb collection of local art was displayed by individual artist or art group. TAG members have clearly made the most of the variety of artists who have visited them on Monday evenings, judging by the impressive paintings on display; a collection of characterful portraits by Helen Brett, exciting digital prints from watercolour and thread paintings by Nicky Chetwynd, jam tarts delicious enough to eat by Sheila Alexander, dramatic bold strokes of acrylic inspired by nature and travel created by Gill Manners and many more, all combined to wow visitors with their talent.



Guest artists and groups added interest to this inspiring exhibition; from artist Molly Chapman's talent shining through in her Manga characters, Nigel Shaw's computer manipulated images, which had surprisingly begun life as normal recognisable photographs, to Biggin Hill Sculpture Group's striking range of 3-dimensional clay models.

Arguably TAG's most successful exhibition to date, with 56 paintings and 2 sculptures sold. Jackie Copeman's 'Portrait of an Ancient French Woman' achieved the honour of being voted favourite painting. Huge thanks must go to Maggie Garstang, Gill Manners, Jackie Copeman and Sandra Shury who planned the exhibition so well this year and to all members and spouses who worked their socks off to prepare the hall. Also to Sheila Alexander who organised the crew to provide some excellent refreshments throughout the weekend. There was certainly something for everyone and it showcased the work of the creative artists amongst us. A thrilling treat for an unusually cold May Bank Holiday weekend!

For more information and to contact the art group go to [www.tatsfield-art-group.weebly.com](http://www.tatsfield-art-group.weebly.com)



**Sue White**

**Photographs courtesy of [andrewmoorephotography.co.uk](http://andrewmoorephotography.co.uk)**

## NORTH DOWNS SINFONIA

I have been to see NDS in Tatsfield a few times in the past, and very much enjoyed it - hence I was keen to see them again on this pleasant Spring evening. The first item on the programme was Mozart's overture to 'La Clemenza Di Tito' – a perfect example of an operatic overture from the peak of the classical period. A bright & confident opening led us to fine soloistic woodwind playing, the theme of which was taken up & developed by the strings. The work ended with a rousing orchestral tutti – this short musical *amuse bouche* certainly whetted my appetite to experience the full opera.

The next item was Elgar's Violin Concerto, performed by renowned international soloist Edwin Kim, who had flown in from overseas especially for this evening. And how lucky



we were to see him and his rendition of the work. The opening entry of the violin was so plaintive & moving that it was almost voice-like. This sensitivity was maintained throughout, despite the huge technical demands made by the music. NDS coped admirably with the many rubato sections, and the rapid string crossings executed by the soloist were a delight to experience. The second movement was a marked contrast to the first – much more intimate and lyrical, although the impassioned climax brought to mind similar moments in Elgar's cello concerto. After this, the final movement began quietly, but with a sense of a gathering storm. The cadenza was a particular highlight, with the dark pizzicato accompaniment of the string section providing

a sense of drama to the climax of the work. All in all, this was a virtuoso performance, which gave rise to tumultuous applause from the audience.

The final item was Beethoven's Fifth Symphony, one of the best-known compositions in classical music. After the famous opening, the strings take the theme and expand on it – this was carried out with much vigour - worthy of a much larger string section than was actually present. The oboe solo towards the end of the movement was played with great sensitivity. The second movement exhibited some fine dynamic contrasts, particularly in the woodwind, and the third movement echoed the minor key of the opening, with the theme introduced by the cellos and basses with great clarity. This movement transitioned dramatically into the fourth, with some atmospheric brass playing. Concluding the symphony is a long coda section, which NDS made very special with an exciting accelerando. Overall a very spirited performance to round off a very enjoyable evening. I am looking forward to the next concert already.

**Andrew Quinn**

## EASTER VISIT: VERN D'ANJOU TATSFIELD TWINNING



This Easter was the 44th year of the Vern d'Anjou-Tatsfield twinning; every year since it began there has been an exchange between the two villages. This year 25 French visitors came to Tatsfield, seven were here for the first time with an age range of 16 to 73 years of age. Twelve families hosted including one couple

from Warlingham, who are part of the Tatsfield table tennis club.

As is the tradition they arrived on Good Friday, and we initially hosted them in the Parish Council rooms and then took them home to a meal and an exchange in "Franglais". They are much more enthusiastic about taking English classes and put us to shame with their improvement, but it is all taken in good jest and our drama skills are very good, and with the help of photos, we get to know each other!



On the Saturday we took them to Hampton Court; we hired a French speaking guide so they could get as much as possible out of the visit and we were lucky to have beautiful warm sun-



shine and so we could picnic and look at the gardens in the afternoon. We spent the evening at Ye Old Ship and Tina, the manager and her staff looked after us with a two-course dinner.



On Sunday, as is the tradition, we had a reception in the Village Hall with speeches from the President of both committees and a representative from our parish council, Mike Sarll and their Mayor - Laurent. We remembered Yannick one of the long-standing Vern visitors and a very active member of his community, who sadly died last autumn. We then jumped on the coach and went to Eagle Heights in Eynsford which caused a bit of drama getting through the ford on a very busy Easter Sunday! We



were probably not very popular with the locals but there was no other way in! A sunny afternoon was spent watching a bird flying display and then we returned for a quick change and had a really good fun evening at the Barley Mow in Tandridge with a meal and dancing to a live band.

Outside of our normal tradition we said goodbye to our Vern friends on Monday morning; this meant that people who are teachers and pupils could come as they were back in time for term to start, and it also gave us a chance to recover before Tuesday!

As always it was a weekend of warmth and friendliness, welcoming new and old friends. It is always heart-warming to know that we have the special friendship that has developed over so many years. Next year we will be visiting Vern to celebrate the 45th year of the twinning!

**Alizon Mooney**

**Tatsfield Vern Twinning Committee**

### **SPONSORED 1KM SWIM**

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June, 2019 @ 11am**

**Biggin Hill Memorial Library & Pool**

**This is my challenge ... as I have never managed 300m before!**

I, Amanda, will be doing this challenge on the anniversary of a car accident that changed my life. I suffered broken bones, internal injuries and a brain injury and now live with memory loss, anxiety, chronic fatigue and pain.

But.... I am swimming for 2 charities, The Silver Lining and QEF Carshalton (Mobility Centre). These 2 charities helped to give my life purpose and meaning again. I want to push myself to help them.

Please donate as GENEROUSLY as you can in support of my challenge, it would mean the world to me. My fundraising page is:

**<https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/AmandaSkinner>**





## ST MARY'S NEWS

### St Mary's Food Bank Collection

Thank you to everyone who has recently donated food and toiletries so a delivery could be made to Westerham Food Bank on Thursday 9th May. This delivery was much needed and appreciated as their food stocks were particularly low due to a recent increased demand. The next food delivery to Christ Church, Brixton is planned for Monday 17th June. I have just been in touch with the church and their weekly food bank cafe has been particularly busy. It has been suggested that cans of food are particularly welcome, for example, fish, meat, soup, baked beans, vegetables, fruit, rice pudding, custard. Also jam, spreads and dried pasta. But one offs, odds and ends also are appreciated as they can be used as a 'lucky dip'. Thank you again.

**Hilary Vale**

### Flower Team

A very belated thank you to all the flower team who as usual produced some beautiful displays to celebrate Easter. Our grateful thanks as well to Rhod Jones and his team at the Titsey Estate for the extremely generous supply of daffodils, narcissi and greenery.

### June Flower Rota

2nd June	Ann/Sam Vatcher	9th June	Ann/Sam Vatcher
16th June	Ann/Sam Vatcher	23rd June	Wendy Maddison
30th June	Wendy Maddison		

An advanced heartfelt thanks to all the ladies for having helped make the Flower Festival such a success. More on that in the July issue of this magazine.

**Ann Vatcher**



**Open the Bible (monthly All Age Service at 10am, 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month)**

Our next Open the Bible services will be on June 2<sup>nd</sup> and July 7<sup>th</sup>.

**The Churchyard** tidy up mornings (10am – 12noon) will be as usual on the first Saturday of each month, June 1<sup>st</sup>, July 6<sup>th</sup>, August 3<sup>rd</sup> and September 7<sup>th</sup>. All help appreciated.

### Thrift Sale

A very big thank you to all who came and supported St Mary's Thrift Sale on 27<sup>th</sup> April and to the WI for use of the hall. The afternoon zipped by as the hall filled with chatter and laughter as people popped by for a cup of tea and browse. New conversations were initiated as people got into the swing of things, asking for opinions of others when trying on clothes. There were some real bargains to be had with something for everyone, whether a sparkly scarf for £1 or a gorgeous embroidered jacket from Next still with the original price label attached! The table of children's clothing also proved



popular with some very cute babygrows, many of which were new. The ladies in the kitchen were kept on their toes, keeping the teapots warm and re-filling cups.

We were extremely grateful for all the very generous donations of clothing and accessories we received, without which the thrift sale would not have been as successful as it was. We raised an amazing £192, surpassing our expectations, which will support Water Aid and the Bishop of Southwark's Charity Appeal for Lent. We hope to run another thrift sale later this year so watch out for more details. So, one last thank you in helping us make the afternoon as successful and enjoyable as it was.



**Susie Cook**

### **St Mary's Parochial Church Council**

Following the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> April, the new St Mary's PCC comprises: Revd Vince Short (Team Vicar), Marjory Broughton and Chris Hancock (Churchwardens), Susie Cook and Barbara Hester (Tandridge Deanery Synod members), Madie Langford (PCC Treasurer *until 28<sup>th</sup> April 2019*), Margaret Grover (PCC Secretary), Emily Budgen, Lucy Budgen, Richard Budgen, Sheila Cook (Hall Bookings Secretary), David Knight, Barbara Piggott, Hilary Vale *and one vacancy*. The Annual Meeting also reappointed Rebecca Veale as Parish Safeguarding Officer and expressed thanks for her continued work in that role.

### **New Treasurer for St Mary's Church**

We are looking for a new Treasurer, to commence during June, as our current Treasurer, Madie, is anticipating moving. Accounting experience is necessary and Parochial Church Council membership will be desirable but not essential. Sympathy with the aims of the Church would also be a help. Madie will be available to conduct training and handover. For further information, please speak to Madie or Vince.



**Golf Day at Limpsfield Chart 9am Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September** – please save the date – further details in next issue.

### **Records**

9<sup>th</sup> May Funeral of Cissie Entwistle

12<sup>th</sup> May Baptism of Jack Roberts

15<sup>th</sup> May Funeral of Pat Tyler

### **St Mary's Church 100 Club results for the April draw**

75. D Parker £23.75 26. L Budgen £14.25 38. P & J Pinder £ 9.50 St Mary's £47.50

**St Mary's Church Website: [www.lttm.org.uk](http://www.lttm.org.uk)**

## REGULAR TATSFIELD EVENTS AND INFORMATION

<b>Sun</b>	10.00 am Church service – StM
<b>Mon</b>	9.00 am Fitness classes with Charlotte Limpenny - WIH 9.30 am Tots on Top – CH 1.30 pm Bridge Club – WIH 7.15 pm Adult Ballet - TPS 7.30 pm Art Group – VH [Term time] 8.15 pm Bingo – TVC
<b>Tue</b>	1.30pm Whist – WIH (Last Tuesday of the month) 1.45pm Not So Young Club (2nd Tuesday of the month) WIH 2.15pm WI Meeting (1st Tuesday of the month) WIH 5.30pm Beavers – SH 7.00 pm Scouts – SH
<b>Wed</b>	10.00 am WI Pop In – WIH 1.30 pm Short Mat Bowls –VH 6.00 pm Cubs – SH 8.00 pm Yoga – VH
<b>Thu</b>	1.30 pm Hear Here – AMB (1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month) 2.00pm Scrabble at AMB (2nd Thursday of the month) 4.30 pm Under 8's Judo - SH 5.45 pm Over 8's Judo - SH 7.15pm Adult Ju Jitsu - SH 7.30 pm Duplicate Bridge – WIH 7.30 pm Tatsfield Singers - TPS 8.00 pm Table Tennis – VH
<b>Fri</b>	10.00 am Pilates – WIH 10.00 am Self-defence and HIIT, Tatsfield Martial Arts -SH 11.00 am Pilates – WIH 1.30 pm Short Mat Bowls –VH 5.30 pm Badminton club for Juniors – VH 6.30 pm Over 10's ju jitsu 8.00 pm Badminton Club – VH
<b>Sat</b>	9.00 am Under 8's Judo – SH 10.00 am Composting site (open until Midday) 10.15 am Over 8's Judo - SH 11.00 am Parish Council Café -The Bakery (to noon) 11.30 am Adult Judo – SH

If you would like your event included in this diary in future please send details to:  
**tatsfieldpm@gmail.com**

## UPCOMING EVENTS – VILLAGE AND BEYOND

Events shown in bold where there is more information elsewhere in the magazine

### JUNE

<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sun</b>	<b>1-5pm</b>	<b>Tatsfield Open Garden Tours</b>
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Tues</b>	<b>2.30pm</b>	<b>The Jewels and Wardrobe of the Duchess of Windsor, WIH</b>
<b>8<sup>th</sup> Sat</b>	<b>12.00</b>	<b>Tatsfield School Summer Fair</b>
<b>8<sup>th</sup> Sat</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Tatty Knitters knit in public</b>
<b>8<sup>th</sup> Sat</b>	<b>11am</b>	<b>South East Open Studios, WIH</b>
<b>9<sup>th</sup> Sun</b>	<b>10am</b>	<b>South East Open Studios, WIH</b>
<b>10<sup>th</sup> Mon</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>	<b>TAG Demo, VH</b>
<b>10<sup>th</sup> Mon</b>	<b>8pm</b>	<b>Parish Council Meeting AMB</b>
<b>11<sup>th</sup> Tues</b>	<b>2pm</b>	<b>NSY Club meeting, WIH</b>
<b>11<sup>th</sup> Tues</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>	<b>Tatty Knitters, The Bakery</b>
<b>15<sup>th</sup> Sat</b>	<b>11am</b>	<b>South East Open Studios, WIH</b>
<b>16<sup>th</sup> Sun</b>	<b>10am</b>	<b>South East Open Studios, WIH</b>
<b>18<sup>th</sup> Tues</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>	<b>NSY Club Fundraiser, VH</b>
<b>22<sup>nd</sup> Sat</b>	<b>11am</b>	<b>South East Open Studios, WIH</b>
<b>22<sup>nd</sup> Sat</b>	<b>7pm</b>	<b>Singing Through The Years, Tatsfield Singers, VH</b>
<b>23<sup>rd</sup> Sun</b>	<b>10am</b>	<b>South East Open Studios, WIH</b>
<b>24<sup>th</sup> Mon</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>	<b>TAG demo, VH</b>
<b>29<sup>th</sup> Sat</b>	<b>10am</b>	<b>Orpheus Centre Open Day, Godstone</b>
<b>29<sup>th</sup> Sat</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>	<b>Little Acorns Race Night, VH</b>

### JULY

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Mon</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>	<b>TAG Workshop, VH</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>We Will Rock You, Glow Theatre Group, Barn Theatre, Oxted</b>
<b>7<sup>th</sup> Sun</b>	<b>1pm</b>	<b>Tatsfield Scouts Village Fete, Westmore Green</b>
<b>17<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>Curtain Up! Oxted Junior Operatic Society, Barn Theatre, Oxted</b>

#### Venues

AMB - Aileen McHugo Building • CGA - Community Games Area MH - Millennium Hall • SH - Scout Hut • StM - St. Mary's Church TACG – Tatsfield Allotments and Community Garden • TVC - Tatsfield Village Club TPS - Tatsfield Primary School • VH - Village Hall • WIH - Women's Institute

## EMERGENCY INFORMATION – DEFIBRILLATORS

The following Automatic Emergency Defibrillators (AEDs) are available in and around Tatsfield. No prior training is required as instructions and audio guidance is provided:

Village Hall, Tatsfield, 24 hours a day

Crossways Court, Tatsfield, 24 hours a day

Mayfield Stables, Ricketts Hill Road, Tatsfield, 24 hours a day, on left hand side of entrance.



## THE POWER OF YOU – FAIRTRADE IN MALAWI



As you may well already know, since January, Tatsfield Fairtrade Group together with Tatsfield School and St Mary's Church has been taking part in the 90kg Rice Challenge. 90kg is the amount of rice a farmer in Malawi has to sell to send one child to secondary school for a year. Through this challenge there is the means by which we can fund this opportunity of education. It has been so encouraging to see how this initiative has caught people's imagination. We are now working through our second 90kg with the hope of changing the life chances of another child in Malawi.

Having been so encouraged by this positive story from Malawi, the fourth poorest country in the world, it was with great sadness that we received this news via the Fairtrade Foundation following the south of Malawi being hit by Cyclone Idai. The rice farmers live in the north of Malawi and continue to be able to farm but the sugar cane farmers who live in the south are facing very different circumstances.

Rossettie Gullo, The Administrative Assistant at Kasinthula sent this information: *"Fairtrade sugar cane farmers tell us about the catastrophic damage caused. It was a promising start to the year for the farmers in the Shire Valley, particularly members of Fairtrade certified Kasinthula Cane growers Association (KCGA) who had hoped they would achieve a bumper harvest and fill their homes with plenty of food after two consecutive years of dry weather. But instead, Cyclone Idai has caused catastrophic damage and tragically dashed the farmers' hopes of realising this dream.*

*It all started with rain showers on the morning of 5th March 2019, with heavy rains in the middle of the day. This continued for three more days with the situation growing worse and worse, day by day, until it all culminated in flooding of most of the flood prone areas. Particularly those that are close to the Shire River banks and even beyond.*

*Due to this heavy and continuous rainfall many small rivers burst their banks, and this resulted in the Shire River filling up so fast, which caused it to eventually burst its banks as well. This then led to massive flooding of the Shire Valley, the worst recorded in four decades.*

*Many people were left destitute as both ripe crops ready for harvesting and livestock were washed away. And as if this was not enough, many houses collapsed, leaving numerous household properties destroyed and even lives lost. Amongst the worst affected were the farmers and their families that live and tend their crops long the Shire River and nearby small rivers.*

*At least thirty Fairtrade farmer households were totally destroyed by the floods and other food crops and livestock were washed away. The Kasinthula emergency team was deployed to physically count the affected families. As well as facing terrible damage to their homes, the farmers had tragically lost 55 animal and suffered devastation across 33 hectares of sugar crop.*

*When the rains came, Kasinthula's affected farmers had no choice but to seek refuge in churches, camps and school blocks. This is the third major flood that the younger generation of farmers have endured."*



**So, what can we do to help?** One of the best ways to support the sugar farmers is to buy Fairtrade sugar. Fairtrade sugar is stocked by many major retailers and supermarkets; look out for the Fairtrade logo when you buy. Kasinthula supply sugar to Divine Chocolate, so a great way to support them would be to buy Divine chocolate – an easy and delicious way of giving support! If you would like to support the 90kg Rice Challenge, 1kg bags of both brown and white Kilombero rice are available through Tatsfield School and St Mary's Church Millennium Hall whenever it is open. Each bag costs £3.



**Carys Long, Tatsfield Fairtrade Group**

### **Tatsfield Community Composting Scheme calls out for votes to bag a share of Tesco's community fund**

Tatsfield Community Composting Scheme are bidding to bag a massive cash boost from the Tesco Bags of Help initiative. Tesco teamed up with Groundwork to launch its community funding scheme, which sees grants of £4,000, £2,000 and £1,000 awarded to local community projects. Three groups in every Tesco region have been shortlisted to receive the cash award and shoppers are being invited to head along to Tesco stores to vote for who they think should take away the top grant.

**Tatsfield Community Composting Scheme** is one of the groups on the shortlist. Their project is the replacement of their old, rapidly deteriorating compost bins with new ones. The Composting Scheme provides villagers with a local green waste facility, recycling this material into a lovely, rich compost. Royal Horticultural Society judges visiting the village last year said, "The green waste recycling facility is not only to be proud of but should be shouted about."

Voting is open in Tesco stores in June and customers will cast their vote using a token given to them at the check-out in store each time they shop.

Funding is available to community groups and charities looking to fund local projects that bring benefits to communities. Anyone can nominate a project and organisations can apply online. To find out more visit [www.tesco.com/bagsofhelp](http://www.tesco.com/bagsofhelp).



## THE JOY OF BOOKS AND READING

With the summer holidays approaching fast, many begin to wonder what to do with their time – how to keep the children occupied! As a child and teenager, during the holidays, I could often be found curled up on a chair either at home or in my local library – reading! Over the next few weeks, no doubt the Culture and Review sections of newspapers and magazines will provide book recommendations – best thrillers, best books of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, best classics, best non-fiction, best for children, best for teenagers, best for mindfulness, self-help etc. The lists can be endless, but that is what is so thrilling. There will be something for everyone: a novel that strikes a chord and makes your heart pound – makes you want to shout at the characters and tell them to change their course of action; one with a twist that leaves you marvelling at the skill of the author; a book that makes you want more – read the next in the series and the next; a non-fiction book that can inspire you to further research (just because) or that might encourage you to take up a new hobby.

Kath Dymoke wrote to us on the subject of books saying that *“Amazon may allow you the convenience of cheap books arriving through the press of a button but if we do not support our local libraries and bookshops, they will not survive. In an age of digital overdrive, shops and libraries are oases worth journeying to, and reminders of that inexplicable something we gain from browsing and returning home to read our purchases or borrowed books”*.

How true this is and therefore how important it is that through the summer we use our treasured local libraries in Oxted and Biggin Hill and nearby independent bookshops.

Both Oxted and Biggin Hill Libraries provide a collection of fiction and non-fiction for adults, teenagers and children. They also run term time reading activities for children of



all ages. Nigel Shaw organises a **“Storytime Club”** every Wednesday at 4.00pm in Oxted Library for children of school age – and this will continue to run throughout the summer holidays as well. During the summer they will run the free annual **Summer Reading Challenge**. This year the reading challenge entitled **“SPACE CHASE”** will run from 13<sup>th</sup> July – 14<sup>th</sup> September.

Inspired by the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of man landing on the moon, this summer children will help the space family ‘The Rockets’ track down books that have been pinched by mischievous aliens! As they read library books, children can solve clues and collect special stickers to complete their mission folder. Will they be able to find the aliens in time to save the day? The Summer Reading Challenge is aimed at aged 4-11 years and is for everyone regardless of reading ability. Just visit either Oxted Library or Biggin Hill Library to sign up. It is fact that children’s reading ability can ‘dip’ during the long summer holidays if they don’t have regular access to books and encouragement to read



for pleasure – this can be a problem for schools to put right in the new term. Taking part in the challenge helps children to become more fluent, confident and happy readers. Children can read whatever they like – fact, fiction joke books or poetry, and they can also borrow audio books!

Often children may not think reading is “cool”. However, they can be led by example and seeing teenagers and young adults engaged in reading can spark their interest. Both libraries recruit volunteers to help run the Summer Reading Challenge to encourage children to read more by talking to them about their books, help with events and activities, sign children up to the challenge and give them rewards for reading. It is a great and fun way for volunteers to get experience for their CVs. If you are enthusiastic about reading, friendly and enjoy working with children then contact:

**Biggin Hill Library:** [srcvolunteers@gll.org](mailto:srcvolunteers@gll.org) (volunteers age 14-25)

**Oxted Library:** [surreycc.gov.uk](http://surreycc.gov.uk) – search for Summer Reading Challenge and complete an Expression of Interest Form (volunteers age 14-18)

Of course, there is also great joy in purchasing a book, reading it and keeping it on your bookshelf – a weakness of mine! We are so lucky to have Paydens Bookshop and The Secondhand Bookshop in Oxted and of course the charity shops in both Oxted and Biggin Hill are a treasure trove for donated books! Paydens also sells National Book Tokens, which are always prove to be a popular present.

Kath Dymoke told us in detail about Sevenoaks Bookshop. She said it is *“alive with books and there is a real sense of commitment to the pleasure and value of reading for both adults and children”*. Continuing on the subject she said *“Anyone interested in books and a good independent bookshop should head towards the Sevenoaks Bookshop! Run with great passion by Fleur Sinclair and her team, the shop has been at the heart of Sevenoaks for seventy years and is the Regional Winner of Independent Bookshop of the Year! A cosy cafe with delicious cakes is set up next to the wealth of books on display, and a wonderful selection of unusual cards for all occasions. Author events, writing workshops, a monthly Book Club plus a new children's magazine are all part of Fleur's vision for keeping the bookshop a buzzing hive of creativity. The first Young Readers Festival took place last September for primary age children and a second is in preparation for this September with an exciting line up of world-renowned authors and illustrators. Most events are held in the intimacy of the shop itself, but some at other venues within Sevenoaks. It is wonderful to hear great authors speak so close to home, without the need to travel up to London! To join the mailing list email: [enquiries@sevenoaksbookshop.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@sevenoaksbookshop.co.uk) or call 01732 452055”*.

I will probably pop along to both libraries and all three bookshops and head home with far too many books; the result being that I may be so engrossed in reading that the children will have to cook their own suppers. Roll on the summer holidays!

**Tara Barry**

## TATSFIELD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

### THS Plant sale, Fairtrade and Ninja Knives

Saturday May 11th saw a bright sunny day at 8am turn in to a rainy and cloudy later morning just when the Tatsfield Horticultural Society, the Fairtrade Tent and the Knife Ninja's were all present on Westmore Green ready for the hoped-for arrival of the villagers to support these three events.



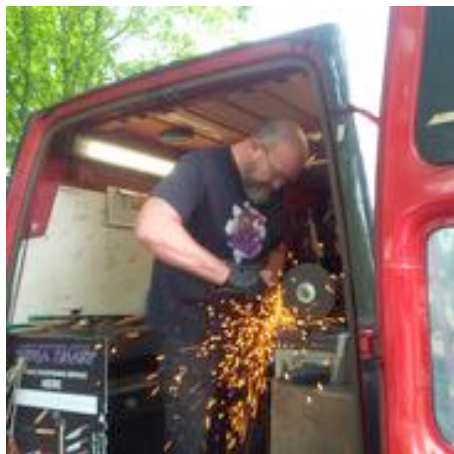
The Tatsfield Horticultural Society had arranged for Barnsfold Nursery to deliver in hanging and bedding plants for the villagers and members at very good rate. These and the donated plants from Bryan Everest, Peter Maynard, Sue Warren amongst others were eagerly received and taken away by the villagers ready to make Tatsfield look great and green again during the summer. A healthy profit was made which will go back in to the Society funds for reusing later in the year.

The picture shows Carol Gaskell, Sue Warren Christine Stainer and David Hadden looking cheerful despite the rain.

The Fairtrade tent was on hand to keep the supply of Fairtrade Teas and Coffees coming to the workers and villagers who visited Westmore Green to promote the continued use of Fairtrade products and the fact that Fairtrade was celebrating 10years of Tatsfield being a Fairtrade village. The picture shows Carys Long, Barbara Hester and Alizon Mooney on duty on the day.



The added bonus this year was the addition of a sharpening company in Knife Ninjas being available to sharpen all sorts of kitchen and garden tools. This was run by father and son duo Paul and Charlie Richard whose first time in Tatsfield proved



to be a success for them and a benefit for the villagers. Despite advertising the event for some weeks, there were people who came along to the Plant Sale not knowing that the sharpening van was present and so Paul and Charlie were kept busy long after the other events had closed down. They will be back next year! Meanwhile they can be found at Polhill every Friday between 10am and 4pm. The picture shows Paul in action.

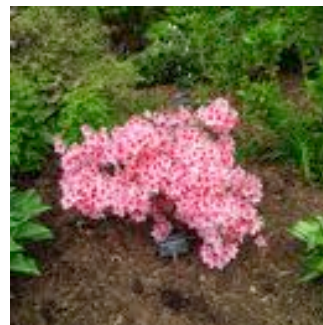
Another successful set of events delivered by the societies in the village for which we thank you for your support!

## THS Visit to RHS Garden Wisley

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May saw a small band of Members, villagers and families set off to see RHS Wisley in mid-May having rotated the previous visits from April and September so that we could get to see the beauty of what is Wisley at different times of the year. Picture shows the group just before entering.



Having just entered the site from the booths you are immediately struck by the beauty is what is now an arch with growths on stunning wisteria that are beginning to mature there and the whole picture enlivened by the allium that is growing in front and alongside the arch. When fully matured this wisteria arch will I am sure be even more spectacular. So through that



and turn left and you have the usual beautiful site of looking up Battlestone

Hill where Kay and Ian Longley have advised that this was a great time of year to visit with the colour from the rhododendrons still be bright and good and everywhere looked fresh and well cared for. As for our little group we ventured in to some of the side tracks up and down the hill and were rewarded with my plant of the day (outdoor) Rhododendron

Mimi. See picture. And indoor in the warm of the greenhouse I am afraid the name eluded us but see the picture and you will know what I mean.

## Martin Allen, Tatsfield Horticultural Society

Hi there, we are your local 'Sunday friendly' cricket team. We are a team of varying ages and abilities who play friendly matches throughout the summer in Tatsfield. We always welcome new players, regardless of experience, and new supporters. We are planning to tun some Kwik cricket/basic cricket skills sessions for the junior members of our community: 12.30-13.30 before each home (H) game. If you like the sound of this please contact us:



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	9th	H	2pm	vs Chadwick CC
	16th	H	2pm	vs Downe
	23rd	H	2pm	vs Verdayne Green CC
	30th	A	2pm	vs Locksbottom 2nd XI
July	7th	H	2pm	vs Priors
	14th	H	2pm	vs Warlingham
	21st	H	2pm	vs Orpington 2nds
	28th	H	2pm	vs Locksbottom 2nd XI

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## THE TATSFIELD GARDENER IN JUNE

Our spring weather continues to cause concern over low rainfall levels. April rainfall was 17mm (60mm average) and temperatures were from -2 to plus 25C, a huge range! So far (mid-month) rainfall in May is 40mm (58mm average) with one 12-hour period getting 17mm (over half an inch!) and temperatures ranged from 2C to 17C. In May we saw river and reservoir levels start to fall and our chalk aquifers (a key supply source for us) along the North Downs continue to be in deficit. Unless we start to have above average rainfall over the next couple of months, we are looking at a summer of water deficit – again!

I was asked recently why we should remove old flower heads from plants and whether this was an old gardeners' rule that made little difference to the health of the plant. Plants that produce seed heads after flowering use up a great deal of energy that could be better used to make new growth. It is true that some plants have sterile flowers that do not produce seed, so dead heading these is not necessary.

Dead heading bush roses is important, and when all the flush of flower is over then cut the old flower stem back to a bud – removing up to 12" of growth – this will stimulate new shoots that will rapidly produce more flower buds and give a good continuity of flower.

A couple of years ago we noticed that a group of daffodils on the west side of the pond were not flowering, we call this 'going blind'; the team scattered superphosphate amongst the green foliage to give the plants a boost and make bigger bulbs for next year. It worked and we had a much improved number of blooms this year. If your daffs are tired give them a boost!

I was surprised to see that a couple of large hedges have had a severe haircut recently – right in the middle of bird nesting! It is disappointing to see this despite lots of information asking that hedges be left until July. Please respect our bird population, this is a critical time of the year for them!

This spring has seen an increase in the numbers of the dreaded Lily Beetle, a small bright shiny red slow moving beetle that lays eggs in the foliage that hatch out into small slimy slug like grubs (larvae), both adult and larvae have big appetites and munch their way through the stems and foliage of Lillies and Fritillaries – spraying is difficult and can harm other beneficial insects in the garden – pick them off and stamp on them – very satisfying!

**Jon Allbutt**

## TATSFIELD IN BLOOM

A very big thank you to everybody who turned up to help with the Village Spring Clean on 27<sup>th</sup> April. We were very pleased to have members of Tatsfield Scouts, Cubs and Beavers helping us and also quite a few other children with their parents. This year we split the rubbish collected into recyclable and non-recyclable bags which will help our landfill sites but did cause a problem to the litterpickers holding two bags in the strong wind! But we have to say that, on the whole, the amount of rubbish on the roads was less than it has been in recent years. This may be because our



litterpickers do such a fine job all the year round or it may be that we are learning not to throw as much rubbish??!! I remain hopeful.

On the first Saturday in May we held our annual “get-together” with all the Volunteers when we make sure that all have hi viz vests and litterpickers, uniform if required and also go over the safety aspects of our work. Not a huge turnout but thank you to those who came to what is a useful and essential event for the group.

During the coming months the volunteers will be helping the Beavers to complete their Gardening badge. They will help them to sow quick growing annuals for them to sell at the Scout Fete on 7<sup>th</sup> July, to plant up the two new self-watering troughs outside Sheree’s shop and also the two new troughs on the school gazebo, to sow sunflowers on our allotment plot to enter the Giant Sunflower Competition and to take part in the SSEIB Judging on 12<sup>th</sup> July.

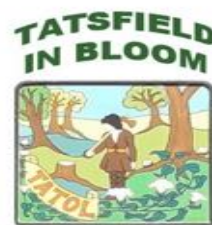
The plants for the Fairtrade logo on the Tatol bed are being delivered on 7<sup>th</sup> June and the design made up of plants and recycled glass will be planted on **Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June**.

Donation boxes are still in Sheree’s Store, The Bakery, Old Ship and Village Club if you would like to contribute to the work carried out by Tatsfield in Bloom throughout the year.

Don’t forget we are always looking for new volunteers to help us look after the village. We meet at 10.00am every Saturday morning outside The Bakery.

Many thanks for your support.

**Jill Hancock (577622)**



## COMPOSTER'S CHRONICLE

First of all, I would like to say a huge thank you to Dave Randall who came to our rescue when our ancient but hitherto unstoppable, sieving machine ground to a halt. Of course, it happened just when we really needed to be sieving large quantities of compost to meet the high demand at this time of the year. Fortunately, it only took a short time for Dave to make the necessary repair so, thanks again, Dave – a real life-saver!

I have just been reading an article which says that there is more than three times more carbon in the soil than there is in the atmosphere and how important it is to protect the structure of the soil so that it can continue to contain all this carbon. Our compost is perfect for this as it made from a mixture of green waste for nitrogen to promote growth and woody material which is an excellent soil conditioner. So, keep composting!

**Putting my allotmenteer hat on for a moment**, I had a pathway along my plot which had become overrun by big, beefy weeds which I doubted would be completely smothered by a simple layer of wood chip. I was just about to start the unenviable task of digging them out when I remembered a trick I used many years ago and had almost forgotten about. That is to cover the weeds first with a layer of newspaper. The thicker the better but try for at least five or six sheets. Take a watering can with you if the weather is breezy so that you can wet the paper to stop it blowing away and then apply the woodchip on top as normal. The newspaper will eventually rot away but, by then, the weeds will be long gone. I expect most of you are familiar with this technique but thought I would just mention it.

### Hints and Tips for using the composting site:

- *Please separate waste into soft green which doesn't need shredding, tough green for shredding and woody for shredding.*
- *We will always try to take all your compostable waste but it helps us if you can try to limit it to no more than a large builder's bag or equivalent in any one week. If you have a larger amount please get in touch with me in advance. This will allow us to manage the waste more efficiently.*
- *Please keep any soil and especially stones out of the shredding waste as these are both bad news for the shredders' blades.*
- *Using our compost will greatly improve your soil and helps us pay our bills!*

The press release about our inclusion in the Tesco "Bags of Help" scheme is in this magazine.

**Philip Brett – [hollygrove6-philip@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:hollygrove6-philip@yahoo.co.uk) - 577420**



## WI REPORT

In May we held our Annual Meeting when we reviewed all that we did last year, looked forward to plans for 2019/20 and elected our officers for the year.



We also had a duty to discuss and vote on the National Resolutions for 2019. The first one concerns the debate over the provision of rural bus services throughout the country. There have been resolutions before on this subject but not for some decades and in that time things seem to have got worse. We recognise the lack of a national strategy for buses which does exist for rail, train and air transport but discussed what could practically be done to influence the situation. Any shortfall in funding for loss-making services in rural areas must be met by local government (Surrey County Council in our case) using grants from central government. These grants consistently fall short of the money needed and place impossible demands on county council support. We need to influence central government to increase grants and local government to work proactively in partnership with the bus companies. We voted in favour of this resolution.



The second resolution concerns the poor uptake by women, particularly younger women, to the provision of cervical cancer screening. We all recognise the high cost of unnecessary premature deaths resulting from this. During the discussion we acknowledged that there is a current national publicity campaign in progress and so we decided to give our delegate the discretion to vote at the Annual Meeting depending on the strength of the arguments presented by the experts on both sides.



True to our reputation, having engaged our brains, we then engaged our taste buds with a Cream Tea.

Our next meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> June is a talk on “The Jewels and Wardrobe of the Duchess of Windsor”; this will start at 2.30pm. If you would like to come and try out our meetings, please get in touch and I will tell you what is in the programme for coming

months. You can also get an update on the village website: <https://www.tatsfield.org.uk/other-groups/womens-institute/>

**Sue Smale, 01959 577660**

## THE NIGHT SKY IN TATSFIELD – JUNE 2019

As the summer progresses the major planets are thankfully now beginning to reappear back in the evening skies. At the beginning of the month Jupiter rises just before 10pm and will be easily visible by 11pm low down in the south east. However, by the end of June it rises before sunset and, thanks to its brightness, it should be visible close to due south by 10pm though it will still only be 15 degrees above the horizon. On June 10<sup>th</sup> Jupiter reaches “opposition” which means it is at its closest to Earth and so appears both at its largest, when seen through a telescope, and its brightest. A pair of binoculars, provided you can support them to keep them still, will show the four brightest moons Io, Europa, Ganymede and Callisto.

Also by the end of the month Saturn will rise at 10pm although it is considerably fainter than Jupiter. I will have more to say about it next month.

### The Apollo Story (Part 2)

The flight of Apollo 4 in November 1967 was the first following the loss of Apollo 1 with its crew of three and was also the first time the mighty Saturn V rocket had been used. This mission proved to be a testing ground for a number of new modules all at once as a way of saving time (and missions) so that the “...before this decade is out...” promise, by the now deceased President Kennedy, could be fulfilled. Just over two months later, on January 22<sup>nd</sup> 1968, Apollo 5 was launched, though this time by the smaller Saturn 1B, to test the operation of the Lunar Module’s ascent and descent engines as well as the ability of the two stages to separate. Despite some misunderstandings at flight control and issues with the windows the mission was seen to be successful enough to cancel what would have been a second test flight of the Lunar Module.

After less than three months Apollo 6 followed but this time there were numerous issues with vibrations and engine performance both during launch and later in the mission. Despite these problems it was considered to be safe enough to fly astronauts for the first time. However, this mission would not, for once, be at the forefront on news bulletins because, on the very same day, the civil rights campaigner, Martin Luther King Jnr. was assassinated in Memphis, Tennessee.


October 11<sup>th</sup> 1968 saw the launch of Apollo 7, the first manned Apollo mission and one that would claim a number of other “firsts”. The crew made the first live broadcast from space and its three astronauts Walter Schirra, Donn Eisele and Walter Cunningham became the first to engage in what was later described as a “space mutiny”. There had been tension between mission control and Schirra (the Commander) at launch followed by complaints about motion sickness, the crew having head colds, the use of the waste collection system and the perceived poor quality food. Then, towards the end of the ten day mission, there was a testy exchange about whether they should wear helmets for re-entry or leave them off to enable them to “pop” their ears to relieve pressure. All crew members landed without their helmets on having taken decongestants in advance. However, this “mutiny” was enough to prevent

Cunningham and Eisele from ever flying again. Schirra had already announced his retirement from NASA so he was unaffected by the decision. Despite these difficulties the mission to check the Command and Service Modules and its rendezvous capabilities was a success.

Bear in mind that this was just nine months before men would not only land but walk on the Moon which seems an incredibly short time frame.

*To be continued.....*

**Brian Mills FRAS**



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## NIGEL'S NATURE NOTES

### Correspondence:

Lots of great correspondence this month, beginning with Mary (Smith) who has a query regarding the habits of butterflies (05.03.19):

*'The warm spell in February caused some butterflies to emerge. At the village tidy up on 23<sup>rd</sup> February a yellow **Brimstone** fluttered over the green. A day or two later a **Small Tortoiseshell** landed on some disturbed grass in my garden. How do they cope with the weather turning much colder?'*

Well, rather like us, Mary, they seek refuge and wait for things to improve. Have you never come across a Brimstone wearing a bobble hat and slippers? They're quite a common sight in our garden, often seen settling in among those tasty little mushrooms that grow there – as if by magic! The Tortoiseshell probably looked a little worn and bedraggled. That's because it is a survivor from last year, having hibernated somewhere sheltered, such as a garden shed, and recently been re-awakened by the warmth of the spring sunshine. But keep an eye open; it won't be too long before some lucky person will spot the first of this year's hatchlings, all bright and beautiful!

**Let's have a butterfly survey.** Nothing formal, just readers notifying us of the different species they spot in or around the village. I'll keep you updated and post the final results towards the end of the year. If you're not sure what you've seen, do some research. The internet has loads of great images to explore. And don't forget the usefulness of those ancient things called books. For me, a notebook, a pencil and a good 'field guide' are essential bits of kit. Do your homework: No guessing allowed!

Of course, having some form of feeding station in the garden offers us a great opportunity to observe wildlife. Our gardening guru, Jon (Allbutt), has noted a change in the abundance of Greenfinches over the past few years (16.03.19):

*'One of the delights of watching our very busy bird table was flocks of up to 12 **Goldfinches** squabbling happily with equal numbers of **Greenfinches**, and then three years ago there were no Greenfinches, none at all. Every year since I watch and wait but no sign of a Greenfinch, until yesterday! A single Greenfinch is now feeding with the Goldfinches and I am hoping that their numbers will now increase.'*

Well, you know what they say, Jon – 'it takes more than one to tango'! Hopefully, by the time this note is published, your 'finchy friend' will have found a mate and their unity will prove bountiful. Please keep us updated.

Despite his arduous duties as District Councillor, Martin (Allen) has found time (yet again) to update us with more local and garden observations (19.04.19):

*'Having now got round to reading the Nature Notes for April, I was reminded by Linda Bennett's comment that she had just sent the 'Annual Bird Survey' and I had not. I*

cannot recall you asking for it. Did you? I thought you were not keeping it up, so with an apology for lateness, the report from 38 Paynesfield is attached.

As well as all of the reports that I mentioned to you about the Crossbill (M/F) , Dartford Warbler, Wheatear and Stonechat in fields afar, I'm pleased to say that the **Brambling** has been back in our garden over the last two days and today (19<sup>th</sup> April) three **Buzzards** were seen flying over the Lusted Hall Lane area (a guess), enjoying the thermals. **Blackbirds** have now become territorial in the garden and a **Robin** comes within feet of me, enjoying the spoils of my turning the garden over. The [House] **Sparrows** seem to be still using the hedge despite it being heavily cropped late last year, so all is good.'

Thanks for the update, Martin. The Bird Survey was formally discontinued a couple of years ago. However, a small number of readers still report their annual sightings, which is a useful exercise as, over time, it may help to highlight changes in species distribution.

And finally, some fine sightings by John (Stevens) (28.04.19):

*'The advance party of two **Swallows** arrived at Manor Road on Good Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> April. They were followed on Saturday by about five more, although they fly so fast they are difficult to count. At the same time a **Buzzard** was circling above, no doubt watching them. Also, approximately two weeks ago, two **Red-legged Partridges** passed through the garden. Where did they come from? We had to refer to the bird book to identify them.'*



Excellent news, John! I was lucky enough to spot a solitary Swallow myself, down at Pilgrim's Farm, on 18<sup>th</sup> April and was rather hoping they would arrive soon after in the village. And, one day later, here they are! Updates would be appreciated. Regarding the Partridges, there were two along Approach Road, just past the Scout Hut, that I saw on my way to the library at the beginning of

May; possibly the same ones that visited your garden. As to where they came from, well, that's anyone's guess. That's the joy of being 'as free as a bird'; you flap your wings and off you go!

Any news or views? Contact: [nigelshaw2000@hotmail.com](mailto:nigelshaw2000@hotmail.com)  
Alternatively, drop a note in to 'Primrose Ridge', Greenway.

## TATSFIELD RAMBLERS

Details of walks in the surrounding area for January and April 2019 are as follows. Everyone welcome, including your dogs.



### **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2019 – 70's Saunter**

Leader: Carol Vening

Start Point: 11.00am Outside the Carpenters Arms, Limpsfield Chart

Map Ref: TQ 423518                      Postcode: RH8 0TG

Description: Gentle walk around the Chart. A few small inclines but these will be taken at a slow pace. We will return to The Carpenters Arms for refreshments. Approximate total distance 2.5 miles; 1.5 hours. No stiles.

### **Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2019**

Leader: Annette Glazebrook, Jean Bossley and Carol Hunter

Start Point: 10.30am One Tree Hill car park, near Underriver

Map Ref: TQ 558531                      Postcode: TN15 0SN

Description: A walk from One Tree Hill to Igtham Mote via the Greensand Way. We will stop at Igtham Mote for refreshments before returning to One Tree Hill via a different route. If clear, there are some great view along the way. Total distance approximately 5 miles, 3 hours. There are some hills. Two stiles.

### **Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2019**

Leader: Mary Hayward

Start Point: 10.30am One Tree Hill car park, near Underriver

Map Ref: TQ 558531                      Postcode: TN15 0SN

Description: A walk from One Tree Hill to Godden Green via the Greensand Way, Stone Street and Seal Chart. We will stop at The Bucks Head for refreshments before returning to One Tree Hill via the edge of Knole Park. Total distance approximately 7 miles; 4 hours. There are some gentle hills and some (manageable) stiles.



## Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2019 – 70's Saunter

Leader: Tony and Christine Tomsit  
Start Point: 11.15am at Biggin Hill Recreation Ground  
Map Ref: TQ 420590 Postcode: TN16 3LB

Description: A gentle walk from Biggin Hill recreation ground past FOAL Farm to The Aperfield Inn where we will take refreshments. Slightly shorter route back. No hills. No stiles. Just under 3 miles in total; 2 hours.

Walks can be subject to change at very short notice. Please either telephone or check the website. [www.westerhamramblers.org.uk](http://www.westerhamramblers.org.uk) The Ramblers do not carry insurance. They started as an informal group and never felt it necessary, so everyone is responsible for themselves (and their dogs).

**Angela and Roger Sawyers (Tel: 577434 Email [acresroger@aol.com](mailto:acresroger@aol.com))**



All Tandridge Together Lottery players on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June will not only be in with a chance of winning £25,000, but will also have a chance to win a family entrance ticket to Godstone Farm or an afternoon tea at the

Copthorne Hotel London Gatwick. To date the lottery has had over 3000 lucky winners winning more than £30,000 worth of prizes ranging from £2,000, £250 or £25 cash prizes and free extra tickets.

Lottery tickets cost £1 and all profits go to good causes in the Tandridge district. Anyone buying a ticket can select the local good cause they want to support from those registered. 143 good causes have so far signed up to benefit from the lottery including community centres, sports clubs and charities supporting a range of needs. It's free for good causes, which must operate within the Tandridge District, to register to benefit from the Tandridge Together Lottery.

To buy tickets or register as a good cause visit [www.tandridgelottery.co.uk](http://www.tandridgelottery.co.uk). Residents who don't have access to the internet can also take part by calling 01883 460555.

## FIVE MINUTES WITH....BEN PRENTICE

This month in our personal feature we are talking to Ben Prentice.

**What is your connection with the village?** As a keen mountain biker over the last 30 years, Tatsfield has regularly been on my training route, with the store a welcome (and sometimes necessary) stop for to refuel – it's so nice to see it back open. Appointments with Alex Davies worked the knots from muscles and brought aching limbs back to life while her advice furthered my interest in health, which would later bring me into the village when she asked me to join the team at Source Health clinic in Westmore Road.

**What do you do?** I am a classical Acupuncturist, Soft Tissue Therapist and Facial Enhancement Acupuncture practitioner. I trained for one year at the London School of Sports Massage under Mel Cash, who is credited with inventing sports massage. This was followed by three years of study at the well-respected International College of Oriental Medicine where I qualified with a BSc Hons in Acupuncture before further training in facial enhancement acupuncture. In 2015 I worked with the Samoan rugby team during their world cup campaign. I work at Source Health clinic, Chevington Chiropractic in Bletchingley and The Perrymount Clinic in Haywards Heath.



**What is Acupuncture?** Acupuncture works to maintain your body's equilibrium. It involves the insertion of very fine needles into specific points on the body to regulate the flow of Qi, your body's vital energy. Qi can be disturbed, depleted or blocked by trauma, lifestyle and/or environmental causes, which can result in pain, illness or disease. In certain cases, acupuncture can be an effective therapy to help restore balance, promoting physical and

emotional harmony. It has been refined and researched for over 2000 years, making it one of the oldest continuously practised forms of medicine.

Acupuncture can be effective for a wide range of conditions. Treatment is aimed at the root of the condition as well as your main symptoms. You may notice other niggling problems resolve as your primary complaint improves. Some people choose acupuncture for a specific symptom or condition. Others choose it as a preventative measure, to help maintain good health and well-being. Many people return for acupuncture once their initial condition has been resolved because they find it beneficial and relaxing.

**What conditions can acupuncture help?** As a holistic therapy, classical acupuncture aims to treat the whole person, not just the symptoms. Each treatment plan is unique and tailored to the individual.

The ASA recognise that acupuncture can help with: tension and migraine headaches; neck and lower back pain; temporomandibula (TMD/TMJ) pain; knee pain from

osteoarthritis; symptoms of overactive bladder syndrome. However, patients coming for treatment of these conditions may also notice improvements in hormonal imbalances and psycho-emotional issues.

As a practitioner of facial enhancement acupuncture, I can offer a natural form of aesthetics. Facial acupuncture, also known as cosmetic acupuncture, is a natural and non-toxic way to minimise fine lines and wrinkles and renew the glow of the skin to provide a more youthful look to the face. It can also help to restore facial muscle tone and reduce rosacea. Advocates of this include Meghan Markle, Gwyneth Paltrow and Lisa Snowdon. During a facial enhancement treatment programme the approach is still to support your overall health, so appropriate points on the limbs and body will be used as well as the face.

**What is Cupping?** Although Cupping came to many people's attention when Michael Phelps appeared at the 2016 Olympic Games, it has been in constant use from Japan to Greece for over 2000 years. Practitioners use cups made of glass, plastic or silicon rubber to create a vacuum over the skin. It can be used as a type of massage to relieve tired muscles or help relax them when in spasm (I find this useful when treating back pain in patients), or to move fluids in the body. Although there is little research on Cupping, it is said to draw fresh blood and nutrients into the treated area while aiding the elimination of toxins to promote healing in much the same way as vacuum assisted closure used in modern hospitals. Different strengths of cupping are suitable for different conditions, Phelps' circular "bruises" are from strong cupping to relieve muscular tension while gentle cupping, can be used on the face leaving only a radiant complexion. Marks from strong cupping will fade within 2-3 days.

**What motivated you to do this?** I have always found massage beneficial for muscular issues as well as being relaxing. I first tried acupuncture in my late teens for recurrent knee pain and was pleased with the results. I taught and trained in Tai Chi and Qi Gong (exercises to develop and move Qi) for several years, which increased my understanding and curiosity in Chinese Medicine. After careers in derivatives trading and construction, I realised that my interests lay in the field of health and started studying in order to pursue this.

**What do you encourage clients to do?** *Move!* Chinese medicine is all about the movement of Qi. When Qi moves properly the mind and body stay healthy. Most people understand that gentle exercise keeps the physical body supple and mobile, so walking and yoga are great for everyone (Time magazine recently found that Tai Chi was as beneficial as Cross-fit!). Chinese medicine views the body holistically, which means that there is no separation between physical and psychological/emotional aspects. Or, if there are no knots or tensions within the body to physically restrict the Qi, emotions will also flow freely and not lead to health issues. The converse is also true that when emotions move easily, they will not block the muscles and cause tensions which in turn can cause discomfort and dysfunction. A recent study has shown that exercise may be beneficial in the early stages of Alzheimer's disease, so maybe the ancient Chinese were on to something?





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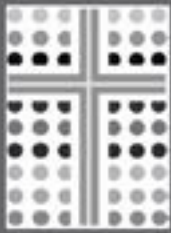


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